

The Mercedes-Benz Corporate Run returns to South Florida in April. The race series, produced by TeamFootWorks, promotes health and wellness in the work place. Known as the largest office party in South Florida, the series draws over 25,000 participants every year and brings together the South Florida business community in a fun way. Be sure to visit the Tri-Rail booth at the Fort Lauderdale Run and support Team Tri-Rail For more information, visit www.mercedesbenzcorporaterun.com.

**Fort Lauderdale:** Huizenga Plaza on April 6 at 6:45 p.m. How to Get There: Ride Tri-Rail to the Fort Lauderdale Station, then take Shuttle Bus FL 1.

**West Palm Beach:** Meyer Amphitheatre on April 12 at 6:45 p.m. How to get there: Ride Tri-Rail to the West Palm Beach Station, then take the West Palm Beach Downtown Trolley Green Line to Olive Ave. and Evernia St. Walk east one block to the amphitheater.

**Downtown Miami:** Bayfront Park on April 27 at 6:45 p.m. How to Get There: Ride Tri-Rail to the Metrorail Transfer Station, then take Metrorail southbound to Government Center Station and transfer to the Metromover and take to Bayfront Park Station.

# TRI-RAIL AWARDS CHEWY WITH "ON THE RIGHT TRACK" AWARD

Congratulations to Chewy for winning Tri-Rail's first-ever "On The Right Track" award, presented during South Florida Business Journal's Best Places to Work Awards Luncheon! The pet product supplying company headquartered in Dania Beach has numerous employees that depend on Tri-Rail to get to work and is enrolled in our Employer Discount Program, which saves employees 25% on their monthly train passes. Go Chewy!

TOP: Chewy receives the first-ever "On The Right Track" award, presented by Tri-Rail BOTTOM: Link Construction Group (left) and Momentum Consulting Group (right) mingle with our mascot Conductor George Green at the Tri-Rail booth







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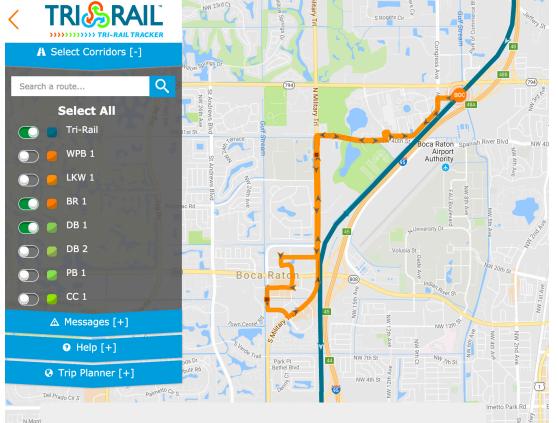








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### BIKE LOCKERS COMING SOON TO POMPANO BEACH STATION



Forty bike lockers will soon be available at the Pompano Beach station, as the station's construction enhancements come to a close. Lockers will be available at all stations with the exception of Miami Airport, which is also in the works to add this feature.

March is Florida Bike Month. Register for a locker during the month of March and you will be entered to win a Tri-Rail prize pack filled with goodies. These lockers are free to use with only a \$20 refundable deposit required per locker. For more details, visit tri-rail.com/bicycle-information.

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## TRI-RAIL TRACKER GETS AN UPGRADE

Less than a year after the launch of the Tri-Rail Tracker that allows passengers to locate their trains using GPS technology, the app has been recently upgraded to include information on all Tri-Rail Commuter Connectors.

Providing up-to-the-minute information on trains and buses together on the same platform provides passengers with better tools on their Tri-Rail commute and connections. Now when passengers access the Tri-Rail Tracker, options to select any of the Commuter Connectors will be displayed on the main menu. Once a route is selected, it will be instantly displayed on the Tri-Rail Tracker map, with information along the route, such as timed stops, status and

attractions. Additional trip-planning functions will also be added in the future.

The Commuter Connectors were introduced during Labor Day 2016 as a welcome improvement to the fleet of shuttle buses servicing the Fort Lauderdale/ Hollywood International Airport; with enhanced seating, standing room and luggage capacity. In January 2017, the entire fleet of the agency's feeder system was enhanced to include these new vehicles, and now all 14 Commuter Connectors can be tracked on the Tri-Rail Tracker.

The Tri-Rail Tracker is available online at www.tri-rail.com and on the Tri-Rail app available on iOS and Android. The app does not require an update for those who have already have it downloaded on their smart phones.

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#### **EL TRI-RAIL TRACKER SE ACTUALIZA**

A menos de un año del lanzamiento del Tri-Rail Tracker que permite a los pasajeros localizar sus trenes con tecnología GPS, este fue actualizado recientemente para incluir también información sobre los autobuses Commuter Connectors del Tri-Rail.

Brindar información actualizada sobre los trenes y los autobuses en la misma plataforma, da a los pasajeros mejores herramientas durante su viaje en el Tri-Rail y sus correspondientes conexiones. Ahora cuando los pasajeros accedan al Tri-Rail Tracker, en el menú principal aparecerán opciones para seleccionar cualquiera de los Commuter Connectors. Una vez seleccionada una ruta, ésta se mostrará al instante en el mapa del Tri-Rail Tracker junto con información a lo largo de la ruta, como paradas programadas, estatus y lugares de interés. En el futuro se añadirán también funciones adicionales para planear viajes.

Los Commuter Connectors se introdujeron durante el Día del Trabaio de 2016, como una mejora a la flota de autobuses que prestaban

servicio al Aeropuerto Internacional de Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood, con mejores asientos y una mayor capacidad para pasajeros de pie y equipaje. En enero de 2017, la flota entera del sistema de transborde de la Agencia fue reforzada para incluir estos nuevos vehículos, y ahora los 14 Commuter Connectors pueden ser rastreados en el Tri-Rail Tracker junto con el tren.

El Tri-Rail Tracker está disponible en línea en www.tri-rail.com y en la aplicación del Tri-Rail disponible en iOS y Android. La aplicación no requiere una actualización para aquellos que ya la descargaron en sus teléfonos inteligentes.

#### TRI-RAIL TRACKER AP **RESEVWA YON MIZAJOU**

Mwens ke 1 lane apre lansman Tri-Rail Tracker an ki pèmèt pasaje yo lokalize tren yo grasa teknoloji GPS, Tri-Rail Tracker fèk resevwa yon mizajou pou ajoute enfòmasyon konsènan tout Tri-Rail Commuter Connectors tou.

Lè nou bay enfòmasyon dènye minit sou tren ak otobis ansanm sou menm platfòm la, sa bay pasaje yo pibon sèvis sou deplasman ale-retou Tri-Rail ak koneksyon

korespondant vo. Kounye an, lè pasaje vo jwenn aksè nan Tri-Rail Tracker lan, opsyon pou chwazi youn nan Commuter Connectors pral afiche sou meni prensipal la. Depi yo fon chwazi yon wout, li pral afiche menm lè sou kat Tri-Rail Tracker lan, ansnam ak enfòmasyon sou tout wout la, ikonpri arè ki kwonometre, sityasyon tren an ak pwen datraksyon yo. Yo pral ajoute fonksyon planifikasyon deplasman pidevan toujou.

Yo te entwodui Commuter Connectors yo pandan Fèt du Travay 2016, atanke amelyorasyon tout moun te swete pou tout pak otobis navèt nou yo ki t ap bay sèvis nan Ayewopò Entènasyonal Fort Lauderdale/ Hollywood lan; avèk chèz ki pi konfòtab, sal pou kanpe ak plis kapasite pou pote bagaj. Nan mwa janvye 2017, tout pak rezo rejyonal ajans lan te resevwa amelyorasyon anplis de nouvo veyikil sa yo, epi kounye an yo gendwa swiv tras tout 14 Commuter Connectors yo sou Tri-Rail Tracker, anmenm tan ak tren an.

Tri-Rail Tracker la disponib sou Entènèt nan www.tri-rail.com epi sou aplikasyon Tri-Rail lan pou iOS ak Android. Aplikasyon an pa bezwen okenn mizajou pou moun kit e deja telechaje li sou telefòn selilè yo.

# TRISRAIL PAY TO THE EMILY KAUFMAN

RAIL FUN DAY GENERATES

**RECORD WEEKEND RIDERSHIP** 

#### More people rode Tri-Rail on Saturday, January 28, 2017 than on any weekend day in the 28-year history of the system. 9,065 passengers rode Tri-Rail that day, many of them taking the train to attend the annual Rail Fun Day at the Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport Station at Dania Beach.

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The more than 2,000 event attendees enjoyed festivities including face painting, arts and crafts, booths staffed with information by non-profit organizations, food trucks and the "South Florida Kids Got Talent" final competition. Top honors from this year's outstanding roster of singers were taken by Emily Kaufman from Cooper City, who sang "Don't Rain on My Parade" from "Funny Girl." She took home the grand prize of \$500, a one-year contract inclusive of a photo shoot with composite cards courtesy of Posche Models & Talent and professional studio recording sessions with MikeSoperMusic.

South Florida families enjoyed interactive games from Y100, Florida Panthers, Young at Art Museum, Museum of Discovery & Science and Brazilian Soccer Training Center. Prizes, giveaways and activities were provided courtesy of GoGo Squeeze, Dunkin Donuts, T-Mobile, Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. and others.

"This is the perfect platform to connect with the communities that we serve and further our position as the way to travel throughout the region." said Jack Stephens, SFRTA Executive Director. "Every year we are proud to present this signature event and welcome South Florida families to this free day of fun."

Rail Fun Day introduces children to the joys of train travel and provides an opportunity for children to share their excitement with their families. Rail Fun Day began in January 2009 on the occasion of Tri-Rail's 20th anniversary. The free community celebration was held in conjunction with South Florida Parenting Magazine and was sponsored by Baptist Health Care on Demand.









### **VIZCAYA CELEBRATES 100 YEARS**



Vizcaya is one of the most intact remaining estates from the Gilded Age, when America's wealthiest industrialists built opulent homes inspired by European examples. Built between 1914 and 1922, it overlooks magnificent Biscayne Bay. This year, Vizcaya will mark its centennial. Vizcaya is the creation of James Deering, Vice President of International Harvester.

and his artistic advisor Paul Chafin. At one point, it's estimated that ten percent of the population of Miami was employed at Vizcaya over the course of construction. Due to health issues, Deering's doctor told him he should move to a warmer climate for the winters. He chose the site on Biscayne Bay because his father had already settled in Coconut Grove and his half-brother Charles was building

a home in Cutler. Vizcaya became the most magnificent mansion on what was once known as "Millionaire's Row," which was in fact Brickell Avenue. It made its official debut on December 25, 1916.

Deering died nine years after Vizcaya was completed while crossing the ocean returning from France. So he had very little time

to enjoy his Italianate villa. He left the home to his half-brother and it came to his daughters eventually. The estate's heirs donated 130 acres of property for Mercy Hospital and the balance of the property was conveyed to Dade County in 1951. The donation also included the estate's furnishings and art collection under the condition that Vizcaya be used as a public museum in perpetuity. Today, Vizcaya Museum and Gardens is one of the jewels of Miami. A visit to the house or a stroll through the gardens reinforces James Deering's wisdom and his stride to achieve perfection.

To get to Vizcaya: Take Tri-Rail to Miami Airport or Metrorail Transfer Station and transfer to a southbound Metrorail to the Vizcaya Station. Use the pedestrian bridge above US1 and continue in the same direction on SW 32 Road to South Miami Avenue. Make a right and follow signs to Vizcaya entrance.